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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG BERLIN-ZURICH OVERFLIGHTS

REF: BONN 8487; USBERLIN 1304; STATE (76) 299836;
STATE (76) 143002

1. AFTER CONSIDERING SITUATION REGARDING INTERFLUG REQUEST
FOR OVERFLIGHTS OF THE FRG, DEPARTMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT
WEST GERMANS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD TO PROPOSE A
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LUFTHANSA STOP AT TEGEL IN RETURN FOR RIGHTS FOR A
SCHEDULED SERVICE BY INTERFLUG TO ZURICH. WE HOPE THAT IN
MAKING THE PROPOSAL, FRG WILL TAKE AN ESPECIALLY HARD LOOK
AT THE AD HOC APPROVAL OF CHARTER AUTHORIZATIONS AND THAT
IF, AS EXPECTED, GDR REFUSES FRG SUGGESTION, CHARTER
FLIGHTS WILL NOT CONTINUE UNLESS SOMETHING ELSE OF VALUE
IS OBTAINED IN RETURN FROM THE GDR.

2. WHEN INFORMING ALLIES AND FRG OF DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE UNEASY ABOUT THE UNCOORDINATED MANNER IN WHICH NEW ELEMENTS ARE BEING INJECTED INTO THE BERLIN AIR SYSTEM. DURING BONN GROUP DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER, EMBASSY SHOULD REFER TO CONCERNS RAISED IN STATE (76) 299836 AND STATE THAT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ISSUES RAISED IN THAT MESSAGE SHOULD RECEIVE FURTHER STUDY. OTHER QUESTIONS SUCH AS LANDINGS BY ALLIED AIRCRAFT AT SCHOENEFELD ((76) 143002); RELATIONS BETWEEN ALLIED CARRIERS AND THE GDR (USBERLIN 1304); EMERGENCY RESCUE FLIGHTS AND THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF LANDINGS BY NON-THREE POWER AIRCRAFT IN WEST BERLIN NEED A FURTHER LOOK. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IF THE THREE POWERS AND FRG DO NOT BRING SOME ORDER TO THE PROCESS, THE VIABILITY OF THE INNER-GERMAN SERVICES AND ULTIMATELY WESTERN CORRIDOR RIGHTS COULD BE ERODED.

3. DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT BONN GROUP IS FACED WITH FULL AGENDA AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT FULL STUDY OF ABOVE ISSUES AT PRESENT. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT AIR ISSUES SHOULD BE PLACED HIGH ON LIST OF PRIORITIES AND THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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